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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary statements

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The last document listed under "Publications" is a Declaration signed by the inventor of a related application (Ser. No. 10/667,763). This Declaration relates to use of a device; it is believed that the Declaration supports a finding that this use was experimental.

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Section 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

PTO/SB/08A [Form 6-2] are attached.

Section 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A accompany this information statement, with the exception of the U.S. Patents.

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